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am writing to support the portability of mobile telephone numbers. Mobile service carriers oppose any change in current policy because it keeps consumers locked into a service for fear of losing important phone calls if they switch phone numbers. Any other argument carriers might offer is patently unbelievable.

Since carriers have no proprietary interest in telephone numbers and since there is no technological barrier to number portability, it's time to end this brazen and costly impediment to free commerce and consumer choice.

In addition to number portability, mobile service carrier's pricing practices need to change. There is no sound reason that carriers should be permitted to round each fraction of a call minute up to a full minute for billing purposes. Millions of consumer dollars are sacrificed each year to this bald-faced fleecing. Here again, portability of telephone numbers would promote unfettered commerce and consumer choice as consumers would rapidly abandon any carrier that continued to practice this baseless method of usage calculation.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ellis
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From: Edward Cahill [mailto:ecahill@law.tulane.edu]
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I am writing to support the portability of mobile telephone numbers. Mobile service carriers oppose this policy because it keeps consumers locked into a service for fear of losing important phone calls if they switch phone numbers. Any other argument carriers might offer is patently unbelievable.

Since carriers have no proprietary interest in telephone numbers and since there is no technological barrier to number portability, it's time to end this brazen and costly impediment to free commerce and consumer choice.

In addition to number portability, mobile service carriers should next be made to change their pricing practices. There is no sound reason that carriers should be permitted to round each fraction of a call minute up to a full minute for billing purposes. Millions of consumer dollars are sacrificed each year to this bald-faced fleecing. Here again, portability of numbers would promote unfettered commerce and consumer choice--consumers would rapidly abandon any carrier that continued to practice this baseless method of calculation.

Sincerely,

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